

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1 – 24. (Cancelled).

25. (Currently Amended) A liquid-crystal display device comprising:

a first transparent substrate;

a second substrate opposing said first substrate, said first substrate including an end portion extending beyond an edge of said second substrate;

liquid crystal positioned between said first and second substrates;

a semiconductor element mounted on said end portion of said first substrate spaced apart from said edge of said second substrate so as to form a gap between said edge of said second substrate and said semiconductor element;

a backlight unit positioned behind said second substrate relative to said first substrate; and

a light shielding member positioned over said semiconductor element and extending at least partially into said gap.

26. (Not Entered) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 25, wherein:
said semiconductor device has an active surface and another surface opposite said active surface, said active surface facing the first substrate; and
said another surface is covered with said light shielding member.

27. (Not Entered) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 25, wherein said light shielding member further comprises a polarizing plate positioned on a surface of said second substrate.

28. (Not Entered) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 27, wherein said polarizing plate extends over said semiconductor device and attaches to said first substrate.

29. (Not Entered) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 25, wherein said light shielding member further comprises a resin filled in said gap.

30. (Not Entered) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 25, further comprising a second polarizing plate positioned on said first substrate so as to cover said semiconductor element.

31. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device comprising:
a first substrate;
a second substrate positioned opposite said first substrate, said first substrate including an end portion extending beyond an edge of said second substrate;
liquid crystal positioned between said first and second substrates;
a semiconductor element positioned on said end portion of said first substrate, said semiconductor element including an active surface facing said end portion, said

semiconductor element being spaced apart from said edge of said second substrate so as to form a gap between said semiconductor element and said second substrate;

a light source positioned proximate said second substrate;

a light path formed from said light source, through said gap, through said first substrate, and to said active surface of said semiconductor element; and

a light shielding member positioned over said semiconductor element and extending at least partially into said light path.

32. (Not Entered) The liquid crystal display device of claim 31 wherein said light shielding member is positioned in said gap.

33. (Not Entered) The liquid crystal display device of claim 32 wherein said light shielding member further comprises a resin disposed in said gap.

34. (Not Entered) The liquid crystal display device of claim 31 wherein said light shielding member is positioned over said gap.

35. (Not Entered) The liquid crystal display device of claim 34 wherein said light shielding member further comprises a polarizing plate extending over said gap.

36. (Not Entered) The liquid crystal display device of claim 34 wherein said light shielding member further comprises a polarizing plate extending between said second substrate and said semiconductor device over said gap.

37. (Not Entered) The liquid crystal display device of claim 34 wherein said light shielding member further comprises a polarizing plate extending between said second substrate and said first substrate and overlaying said semiconductor device and said gap.